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Sri K. P. Gopalan :—" If there is any doubt regarding interpretation, it is better for the Government to ask the Judge who gave the award. May I know from the Hon. Minister whether there is not a section in the Industrial Disputes Act providing that the management should implement an award within one month? If the management does not implement the award, the Government should take action against it. Why is the taking of action being postponed in this case? "

The Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam :—" I may tell the hon. Member that whatever the Government are doing, they are doing in the interests of the workers."

Sri S. Ramalingam :—" தீர்ப்பின் எந்தப் பகுதியில் அபிப்பிராய வித்தியாசம் ஏற்பட்டு இருக்கிறது ? சர்க்கார் அதில் கொண்டிருக்கக் கூடிய அபிப்பிராயம் என்ன ? சர்க்காரின் அபிப்பிராயத்தையாவது முதலாளிகள் ஒத்துக்கொள்கிறார்களா ? "

The Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam :—" சர்க்காருக்கு ஒன்றும் அபிப்பிராயம் இல்லை. 'வேஜஸ் விஷயமாக பழைய 'வேஜஸ்' கொடுப்பதா, புதிய "வேஜஸ்" கொடுப்பதா என்ற கேள்வி இருந்து வருகிறது. எத்தனை பேர்களை எடுத்துக்கொள்ள வேண்டும் ? யார், யார் old workers ? யாருக்கு Seniority கொடுப்பது என்றெல்லாம் பல சிக்கல்கள் இருக்கின்றன. ஆகவே, workers பிரதிநிதிகளே சேர்ந்து வந்து "பேசுங்கள்' என்று என்னிடம் சொன்னார்கள். அதன் பேரில்தான் நான் பேசினேன். இப்போது சில நடவடிக்கைகளும் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப் பட்டு வருகின்றன. மேற்கொண்டு என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பது என்பதைப்பற்றித்தான் இப்போது அரசாங்கம் யோசித்துக்கொண்டிருக் கிறது."

Stock of foodgrains at the time of decontrol.

* 2121 *Q.*—Sri M. Narayana Kurup : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the stock of foodgrains with the Government at the time of decontrol and their purchase price;

(*b*) what portion of the stock was subsequently sold and for what amount;

(*c*) the purchase price of each quality of foodgrains stocked and also the sale price for each quality; and

(*d*) the total gain or loss to the Government so far by this transaction?

The Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam :—" (*a*) *to* (*d*) A printed statement [a] furnishing the information is placed on the table of the House.

" As regards clause (*c*) of the question it may be stated that the stocks of rice and paddy and other foodgrains were supplied to this State from various sources such as Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Andhra, Coorg and Overseas during the different periods. The prices of the

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 328-329 infra.

different qualities therefore vary from source to source and from time to time. It is not therefore possible to furnish this information.''

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—'' The statement shows that a loss of more than Rs. 20 lakhs was sustained either by this Government or the Central Government. Is it not a fact that the stockists, namely, the societies of Malabar wanted to sell the stock at ten rupees per maund and that the Government then refused permission? The same stock had to be sold subsequently at seven rupees per maund, which accounts for a considerable portion of the loss.''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' While the total estimated loss is Rs. 20·62 lakhs, the loss to this Government would be only Rs. 1·45 lakhs. This is a rough estimate. I have already explained the justification for the action that the Government have been taking now and then in the matter of disposal of stocks.''

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—'' The question is whether the Government at a certain stage refused permission to sell the rice at ten rupees per maund which subsequently had to be sold at seven rupees per maund.''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' I may tell the hon. Member that, if the Government refused permission to sell the rice at a particular price, it was not with a view to incur loss.''

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—'' May I know whether the Government have received any representation from the societies asking for compensation for the loss sustained by them due to shortage on account of long storage of the rice and other causes? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' I would like to have notice.''

Tanks and pond works under National Extension Service in Cuddalore taluk.

* 2129 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state— 8-40 a.m.

(*a*) how many tanks and pond works were undertaken by the Government under the National Extension Service Scheme in the Cuddalore taluk, South Arcot district, since the inception of the scheme up to 31st December 1954; and

(*b*) the amount allotted towards the work?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' (*a*) Under the National Extension Service Scheme three pond works were